

CHONG HO KWAK

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 2744) for the relief of Chong Ho Kwak.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 2744

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NATURALIZATION FOR CHONG HO KWAK.

(a) IN GENERAL.—By reason the inability of Chong Ho Kwak to understand the oath of allegiance required under section 337(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, because of his physical disability, notwithstanding such section or any other provision of such Act, the Attorney General shall naturalize Chong Ho Kwak, residing at 7 East Dulles Drive, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as a citizen of the United States, without his being administered the oath of allegiance pursuant to such section, not later than 5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply regardless of whether the application for naturalization filed by Chong Ho Kwak before the date of the enactment of this Act has been finally denied by the Attorney General as of such date.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BELINDA MCGREGOR

The Clerk called the Senate bill (S. 1304) for the relief of Belinda McGregor.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 379 and H.R. 2744, the two bills just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will take 15 one-minutes from each side.

THE COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE OF LT. COL. LLOYD MILES

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, this West Point graduate salutes my friend and classmate, Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd Miles, who took command of the First Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment on July 21, 1998.

Lloyd was originally appointed battalion commander 2 years ago, but was sidelined after a grenade explosion took his left leg below the knee during a training accident just a couple of weeks into the job. Now, with a prosthetic that allows him to perform all of his duties, Lloyd has returned to his battalion.

Lloyd endured a painful rehabilitation at Walter Reed. Through his rehab, he had one goal in mind: to walk down the aisle unassisted. That is right, Lloyd was in the midst of planning his wedding when the accident occurred. He was determined to keep the wedding on schedule.

Not only did Lloyd reach his goal of walking down the aisle, he can now ride a bike. Lloyd credits his success to his wife and both of their families, as well as several generals who were also amputees and had successful careers.

Lloyd wants to lead by example, which is exactly what he has done through his courage, dedication and value of family and friends. Lloyd exhibits the best of our alma mater and class: Pride and excellence.

Lloyd, well done.

IF THE DRAGON FITS, JANET RENO SHOULD COMMIT

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the media says, "If it is on the dress, he must confess." I say, "If the dragon fits, Janet Reno should commit."

That is right, Janet Reno should appoint an independent counsel to investigate this Chinagate business. Even FBI director Louis Freeh agrees. But Janet Reno says, no, absolutely not. That is unbelievable to me.

The Justice Department cries out for reform from the top to the bottom. It is such a joke. If someone at the Justice Department commits a crime, that crime is investigated by a peer, a friend, a buddy in the same Justice Department.

Beam me up. From Waco, to Ruby Ridge, to China, to Filegate, it is out of control. While Monica's dress may be a fly on her face, my colleagues, I submit that China is a dragon eating our assets.

I yield back any justice left at the United States Justice Department.

ONE INTERESTING CONSPIRACY

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, the most amazing thing about the so-called "vast right-wing conspiracy" is that it is led by Democrats.

In fact, what is even more surprising is that it is led by Democrats who volunteer their time to help the Clinton-Gore White House.

Kathleen Willey and Monica Lewinsky were White House volunteers and loyal Democrats, about the last people we would expect to organize a vast right-wing conspiracy.

But just think about the other Democrats in this vast network of people who are out to get the President: Attorney General Reno; former Carter speech writer and aide to Tip O'Neil Chris Matthews; and former aide to Senator MOYNIHAN Tim Russert.

Am I forgetting anyone? Oh, yes, let us recall that Louis Freeh, appointed by President Clinton, has called for the appointment of an independent counsel to look into illegal campaign contributions to the Democratic party, as has Charles LaBella, handpicked by Janet Reno to investigate those allegations.

This is one interesting conspiracy.

YEAR 2000 CENSUS

(Mr. PASCRELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, the 1990 Census was the first in history to be less accurate than its predecessor. It missed millions of Americans, predominantly children and minorities.

Virtually every expert agrees that the way to get the most accurate census possible is by using modern scientific methods to supplement the traditional head count.

The Census Bureau's plan will not only produce the most accurate census, it will save literally hundreds of millions of dollars. Using the methods employed in 1990 will cost close to a billion more dollars and still miss millions of Americans. We cannot let this happen.

Funding the Census Bureau for only 6 months will cripple its ability to adequately plan and prepare for the largest peacetime mobilization undertaken by the U.S. Government. We must take the guessing out of the census.

For these reasons, we must today support the Mollohan amendment which strikes the provisions that restrict funding to the Census Bureau as they prepare for the 2000 census.

DOLLARS TO THE CLASSROOM ACT

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell my colleagues what America's teachers are saying about the need to get tax dollars to the classroom.

The Association of American Educators has found that 82 percent of the teachers surveyed support consolidating Federal education programs, sending those funds in a formula grant to

the States, just what the Dollars to the Classroom Act does.

I would like to share with my colleagues some interesting comments from teachers who support the Dollars to the Classroom approach.

"The Federal Government should quit dictating to local communities what should be taught to children, mainly because the Federal Government is totally out of touch with reality." Kansas City, Missouri.

"It's time we realize that no one program can meet the needs of every region." Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"I'm all in favor of localizing control of school budgets. Local educators are professionals with the training and experience to make the best decisions for their schools." Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Those are thoughts of teachers.

The question we need to ask is who do we trust to educate our children, Washington bureaucrats or local teachers, parents, and school officials?

Let us pass the Dollars to the Classroom Act. Send \$2.7 billion to our classrooms.

NATION NEEDS AN ACCURATE CENSUS

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Nation needs an accurate census, one that includes everyone.

The 1990 census undercounted 8.4 million people. The count heavily disfavored minorities. Correcting the census undercount is the civil rights issue of the 1990s.

The Census Bureau, under the direction of the National Academy of Sciences, has come forward with the modern comprehensive plan for the Year 2000 Census, one that will include everyone. The Republican majority is trying to stop the plan from going forward.

The Republican majority should not fear counting blacks, Hispanics and Asians. What they should be afraid of is repeating the errors of 1990 while the Nation's minorities look on, knowing those mistakes could have been prevented, knowing they were intentionally left out.

Mr. Speaker, the Year 2000 census must be about policy, accurate policy, not politics.

EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I do not recall precisely what I was doing July 21, but I do recall that I was not celebrating the passage of the Education Savings Accounts, a middle-class and low-income initiative that would have given millions of parents hope, hope for their children's future that they do not now have.

I did not celebrate because President Clinton vetoed that legislation on July 21. And the only people who were celebrating that day were here in Washington D.C.

That is right, the Washington bureaucrats and the special interests who were responsible for the failed schools in the first place, who were responsible for the need for this legislation, they were celebrating already. They rejoiced in their ability to avoid real reform for one more year.

Schools which are laden with education malpractice will continue to avoid accountability. Children who graduate from these schools lacking even a basic competency in math and reading will continue to hold back any nation that is leading the world in science, technology, and innovation.

Yes, for the special interests and Washington bureaucrats, it was a time to celebrate. But for the children whose lives are clouded by the lack of hope, it is a sad day indeed.

HOME HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is not many times we can come to the floor of the House and solve a problem by working with the administration and working legislatively to make good or make better what we have wronged.

I am speaking this morning about the home health care industry, millions and millions of servants around the Nation who have made life better for those who are home-bound or infirm. We have a problem that they are facing that is causing many of them to close their doors, and that is the Medicare Interim Payment Plan. It is a problem and a plan that does not work.

The home health care industry and those professionals who work every day go to the neighborhoods and homes of our respective constituents and provide them with the necessary health care at home that allows them to stay with their families, to stay in the homes that they paid for, to stay where they raised their children, to stay in their familiar surroundings.

This process that is being enacted by HCFA is causing great stress and distress. And so, I would ask this House and the Administration to collaborate to change the laws and save our home health care industry. It will save the people who want to be home with their family and friends.

RADIO AND TV MARTI

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, one of the many projects in the Commerce bill which helped to further

American priorities and objectives is Radio and TV Marti.

Cuban patriot and poet Jose Marti said, "Only oppression should fear the full exercise of freedom."

Today, only Fidel Castro should fear the transmission of Radio and TV Marti. Only a brutal dictator like Castro should fear the dissemination of democratic principles throughout Cuba. Only those who want to keep the people of Cuba enslaved in an island prison should fear Radio and TV Marti.

One hundred years ago the U.S. joined forces with the Cuban opposition to help usher in a new era of independence and representative democracy for Cuba. Today, through Radio and TV Marti, the echoes of this commitment to bringing freedom to Cuba should be heard and seen by the Cuban people.

Daily transmissions from the U.S. to Cuba bring hope to an oppressed population and remind them of the more than 100 years of friendship and solidarity between the people of our two countries.

Let us do what is right. Let us recall the courage of those men and women who fought to defend the principles of liberty 100 years ago. Let us honor their memory by supporting Radio and TV Marti.

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CENSUS

(Mr. GREEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, it is important for every American to be counted. How can Congress determine what a community needs if we really do not know how many people are in that community? It is estimated that the 1990 census undercounted the population in my hometown of Houston, Texas by 67,000 people. It is estimated the State of Texas lost \$1 billion in title I school funding, road construction and senior citizen services because of the undercount in 1990.

Statisticians and scientists have determined that using scientific statistical methods will produce a census that is more accurate and less costly to taxpayers. We should stop playing politics with the census issue and say let us count every American. Today the Mollohan amendment will ensure that the Census Bureau be able to conduct an accurate and cost effective census in the year 2000. We need to support the Mollohan amendment.

Mr. Speaker, everyone deserves to be counted.

JOB CORPS

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, the House will soon approve more than \$1